Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 at 02:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for snow and low cloud details on Saturday, generally high for Sunday and Monday then low for details on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Mar 2023: Cloudy with a few snow showers, turning increasingly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Light snow	Cloudy	Dull
Precipitation probability					
70%	60%	30%	20%	20%	10%

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Weather: Outbreaks of snow, with rain below 500m, at first. Becoming mainly dry through the morning but a few scattered sleet or snow showers will continue, mostly in the southwest in the afternoon. A few bright intervals over Aberdeenshire and Angus hills in the afternoon. Some clear spells developing early in the night.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less around dawn, gradually improving to 40% around midday

Low Cloud and visibility: Often very poor visibility with persistent cloud, down to 500m at first, but gradually lifting to 1100m by late morning, with occasional patches down to 800m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	23/26 NE	23/28 NE	16/21 NE	14/18 NE	15/20 NE	17/23 NE	15/20 NE
900	17/20 NE	18/23 NE	14/19 NE	11/16 NE	12/17 NE	12/18 NE	10/15 NE
600	9/15 N	11/17 NE	10/16 NE	8/13 NE	9/15 NE	7/14 E	6/11 E
300	7/16 NE	8/16 NE	9/16 NE	7/12 NE	7/14 NE	5/13 NE	4/11 NE
Glen	9/19 NE	10/19 NE	9/16 NE	8/15 NE	7/14 NE	5/12 NE	3/9 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-2/-10	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-10	-5/-12	-6/-13	-6/-13
900	-0/-7	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-8	-4/-10	-4/-10
600	1/-3	0/-4	1/-3	1/-3	-0/-4	-1/-5	-2/-5
300	4/0	4/0	5/2	4/2	3/-0	2/-1	0/-2
Glen	4/1	4/1	6/3	5/2	4/1	2/0	1/-1
Freezing Level*	700m	500m	500m	500m	400m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note freezing level falling through the day, with remaining snow patches likely to become increasingly firm and icy.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023
Weather: Dry with clear spells through the early hours. A few well scattered snow showers possible in the morning, but becoming more frequent in the afternoon. Dry with clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: North 15-20 mph gusting 30 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally good or very good visibility, briefly lowering in any heavier snow showers. Patchy cloud, bases around 1000m at first, but mostly above the summits by late morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius, falling to minus 3 Celsius for a time in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 200-300m, falling to sea level in the evening and overnight.

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